

September 1, 2021

MEMO

To: State Board of Agriculture (BOA)
From: Alexis Taylor, Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Subject: appointments to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission (OAHC)

Background:

The State Legislature established the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) in 2017 to help address fragmentation of farmland, conversion of farmland to non-farm uses, complex regulations, and planning for generational transfers. The program provides voluntary incentives to farmers and ranchers to support practices that maintain or enhance both agriculture and natural resources such as fish and wildlife on agricultural lands.

As required by statute ([ORS 541.986](#)) five members of the Oregon Agriculture Heritage Commission shall be recommended by the Board of Agriculture. Specifically:

(2) (a) Four members shall be persons recommended by the State Board of Agriculture who are actively engaged in farming or ranching. The members must represent diverse types of agricultural commodities and be from geographically diverse areas of this state.

(2) (d) One member shall be a person recommended by the State Board of Agriculture who has expertise in agricultural water quality.

Current representatives recommended by the Board of Agriculture serving on the Commission are:

Commissioner	City	Represents	Term Ends
Chad Allen	Tillamook	Farmer/rancher	January 2024
Ken Bailey	The Dalles	Farmer/rancher	January 2023
Doug Krahmer	St. Paul	Farmer/rancher	January 2022
Woody Wolfe	Wallowa	Farmer/rancher	January 2025
Lois Loop	Salem	Agricultural water quality	January 2025

Commissioner terms are 4 years with the ability to serve no more than two consecutive terms.

The first term for Commissioner Doug Krahmer will end January 1, 2022. Commissioner Krahmer is eligible and has expressed interest in serving a second term.

FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

The BOA will need to 1) recommend Doug Krahmer for reappointment to a second term (running January 2022 – December 2025); or 2) prepare a public notification recruitment for additional applications for the board to consider at the November 30-December 1 meeting.